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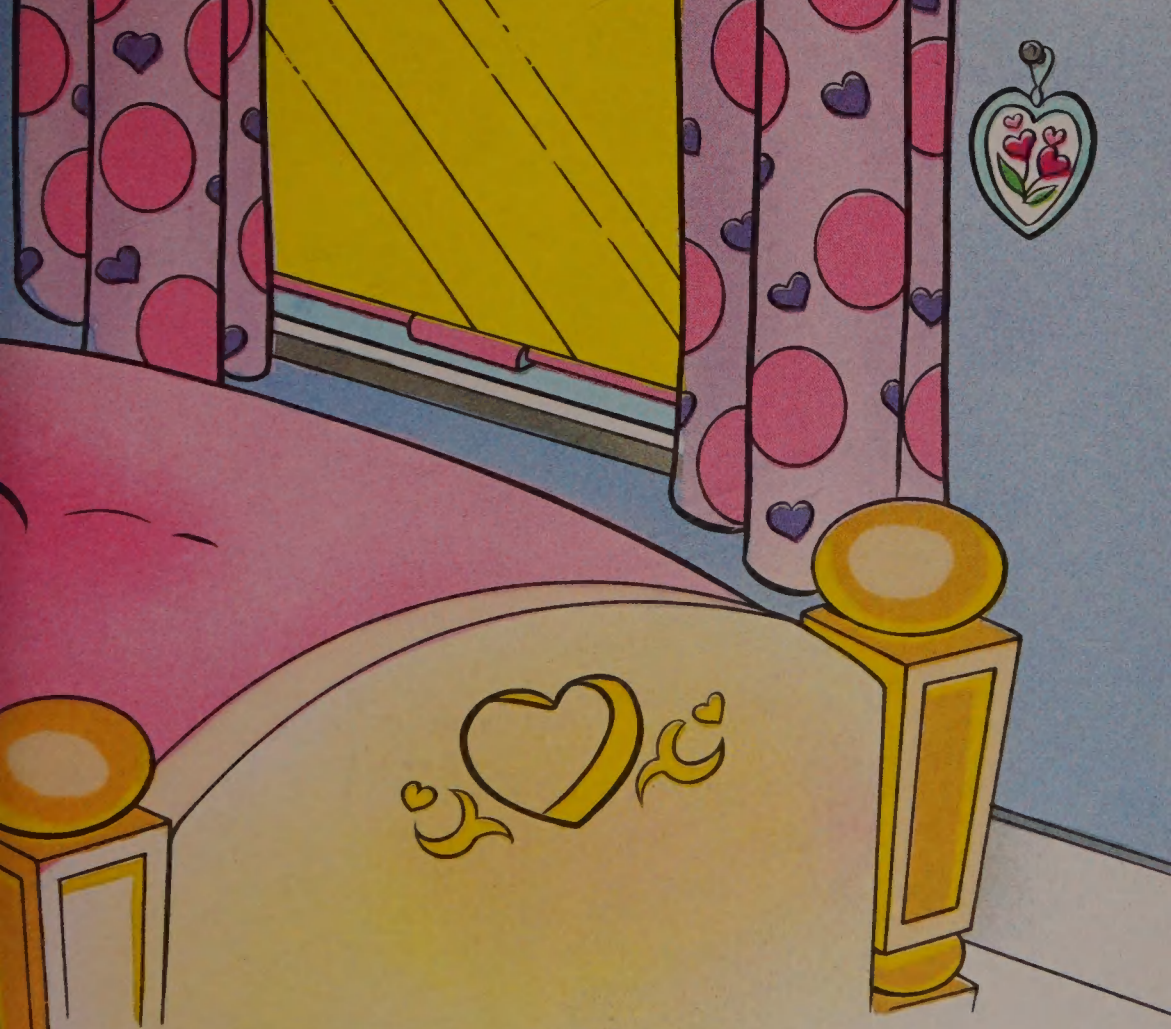
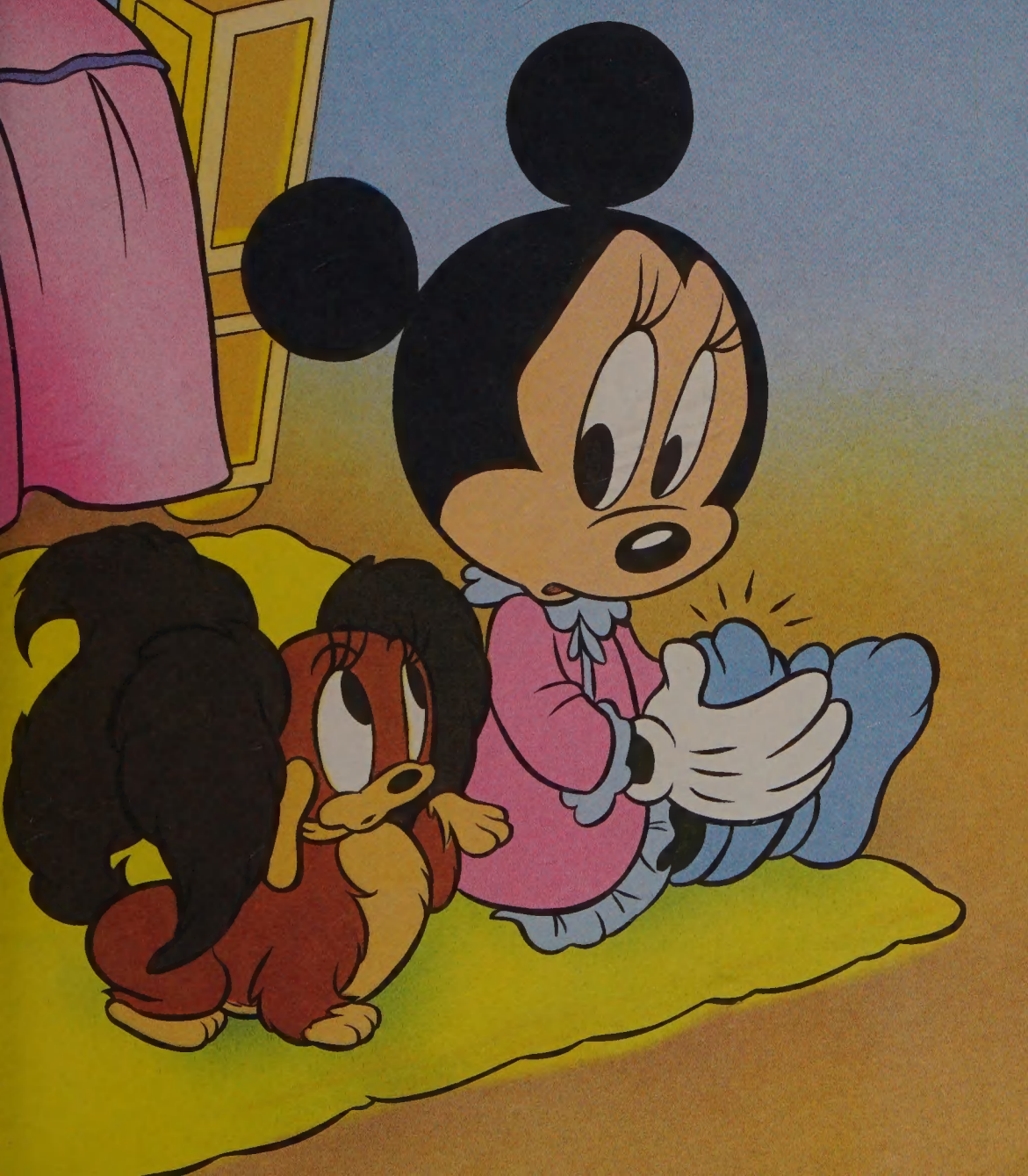


Lick, lick. Fifi woke Minnie with a lick on the nose.

"Good morning, Fifi!" Minnie said cheerfully. "We have 'Show and Tell' today at school. I'm going to bring in the necklace I made. Oh, I'm sure it's going to be a great day!"

But the first thing Minnie did when she got out of bed was stub her toe. "Ouch!" she cried. "That hurt."



"I know what will make me feel better," thought Minnie. "I'll wear my favorite pink-and-white bow."

But Minnie couldn't find her favorite bow anywhere. At last she stopped searching and went to have breakfast.

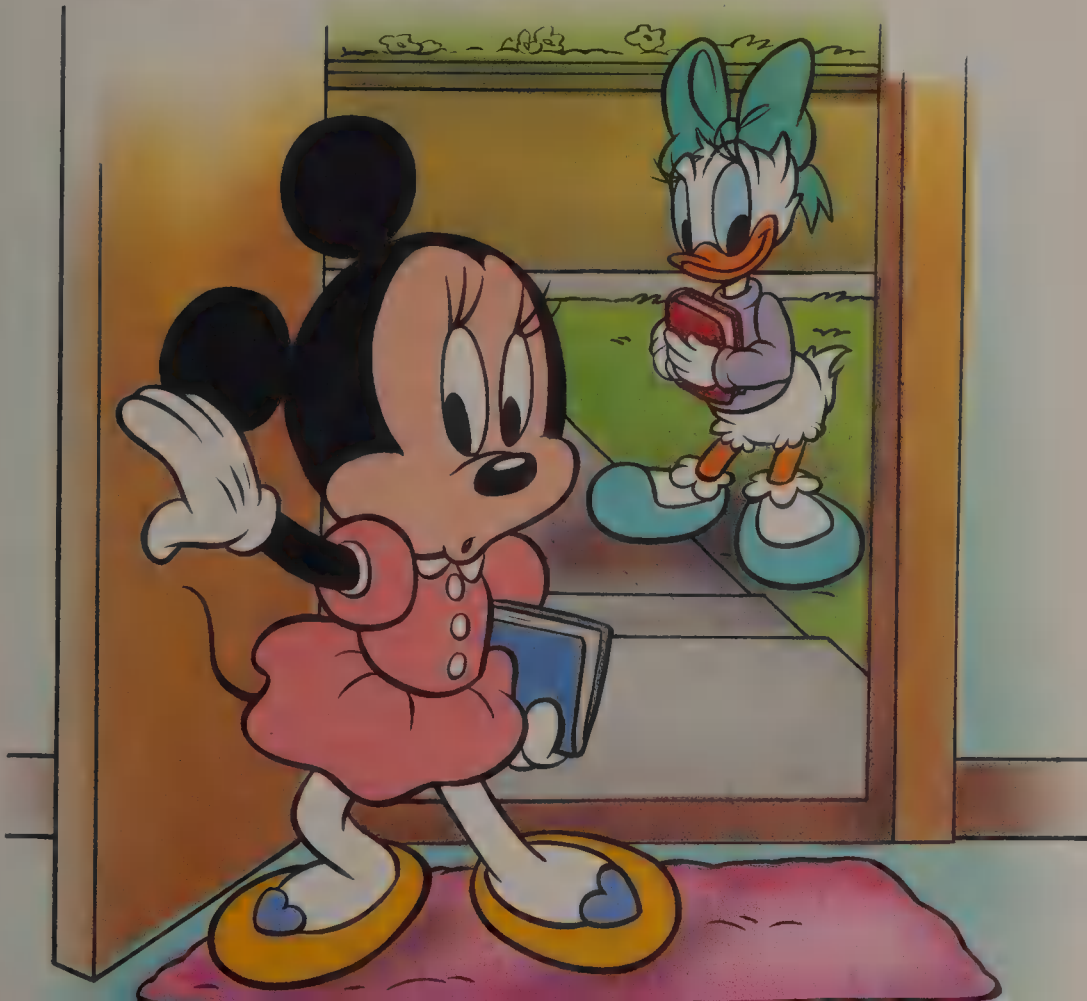
Ding-dong!

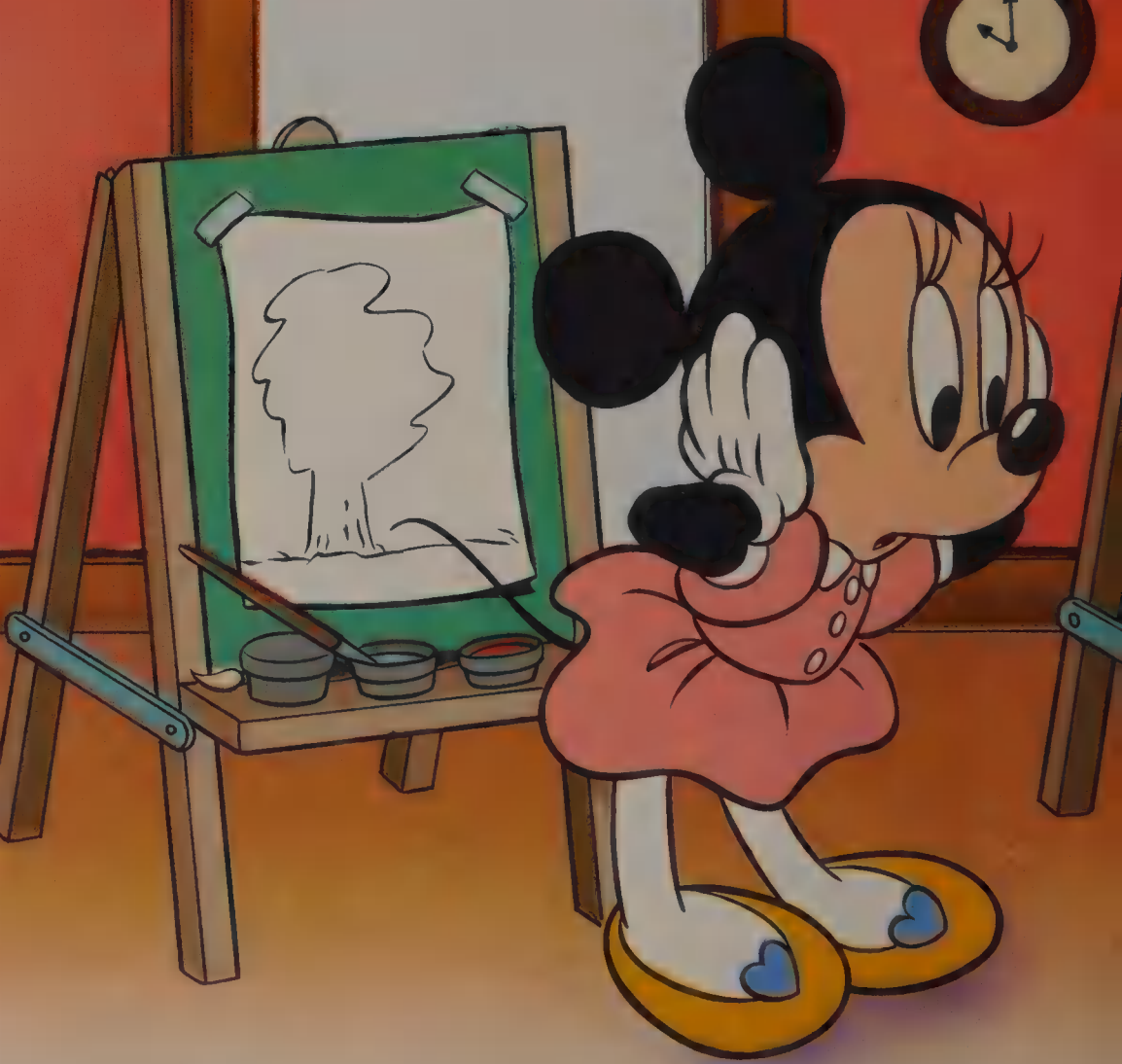
"Uh-oh," thought Minnie. "That must be Daisy. I took so long looking for my bow, I don't have time for breakfast."

"Hi!" said Daisy. "Are you ready for school?"

"Not really," said Minnie. "But we don't want to be late."

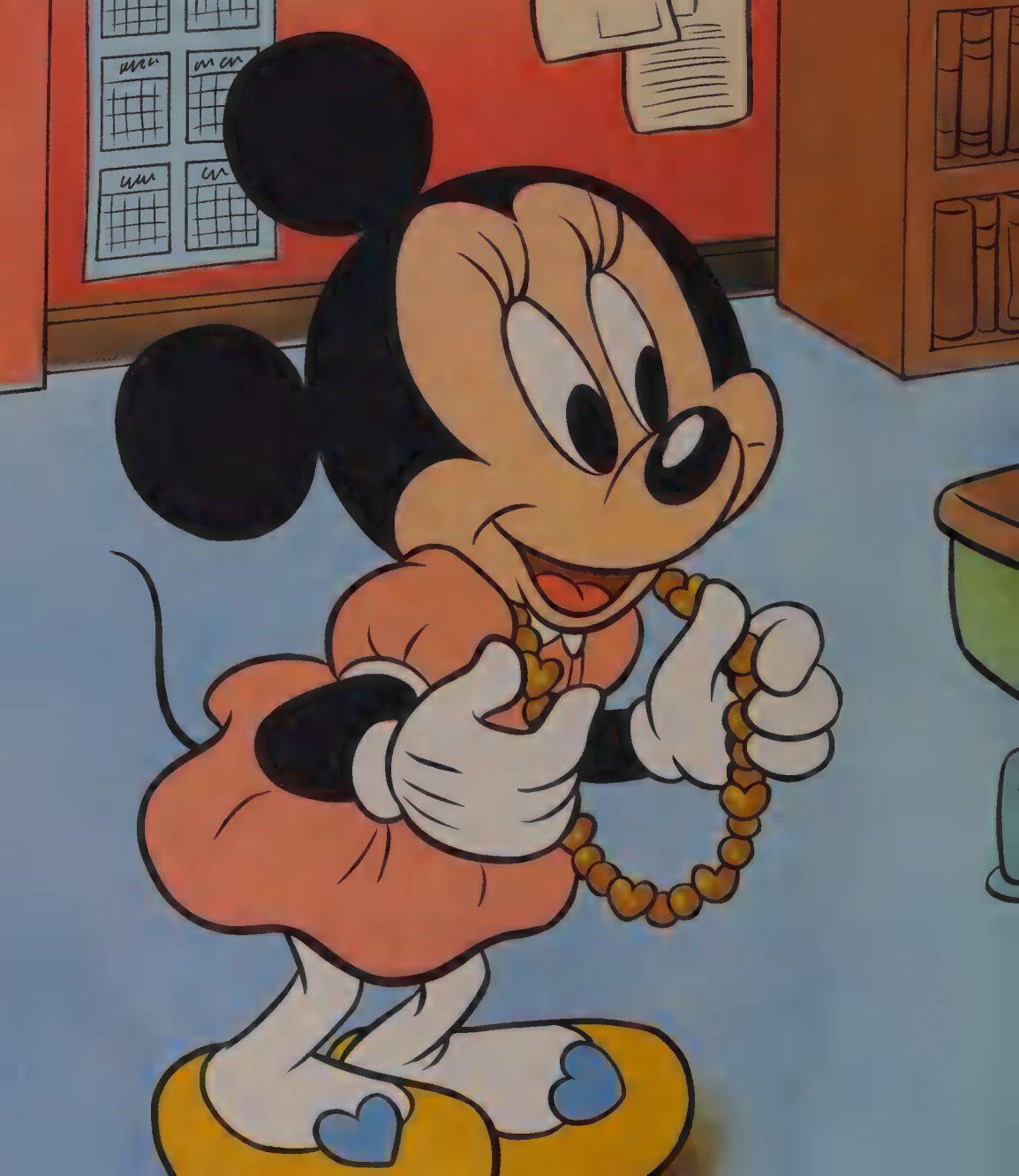
They started off to school. But halfway to the corner, Minnie cried, "Oh, no! I forgot my necklace!" She had to run all the way home to get it.

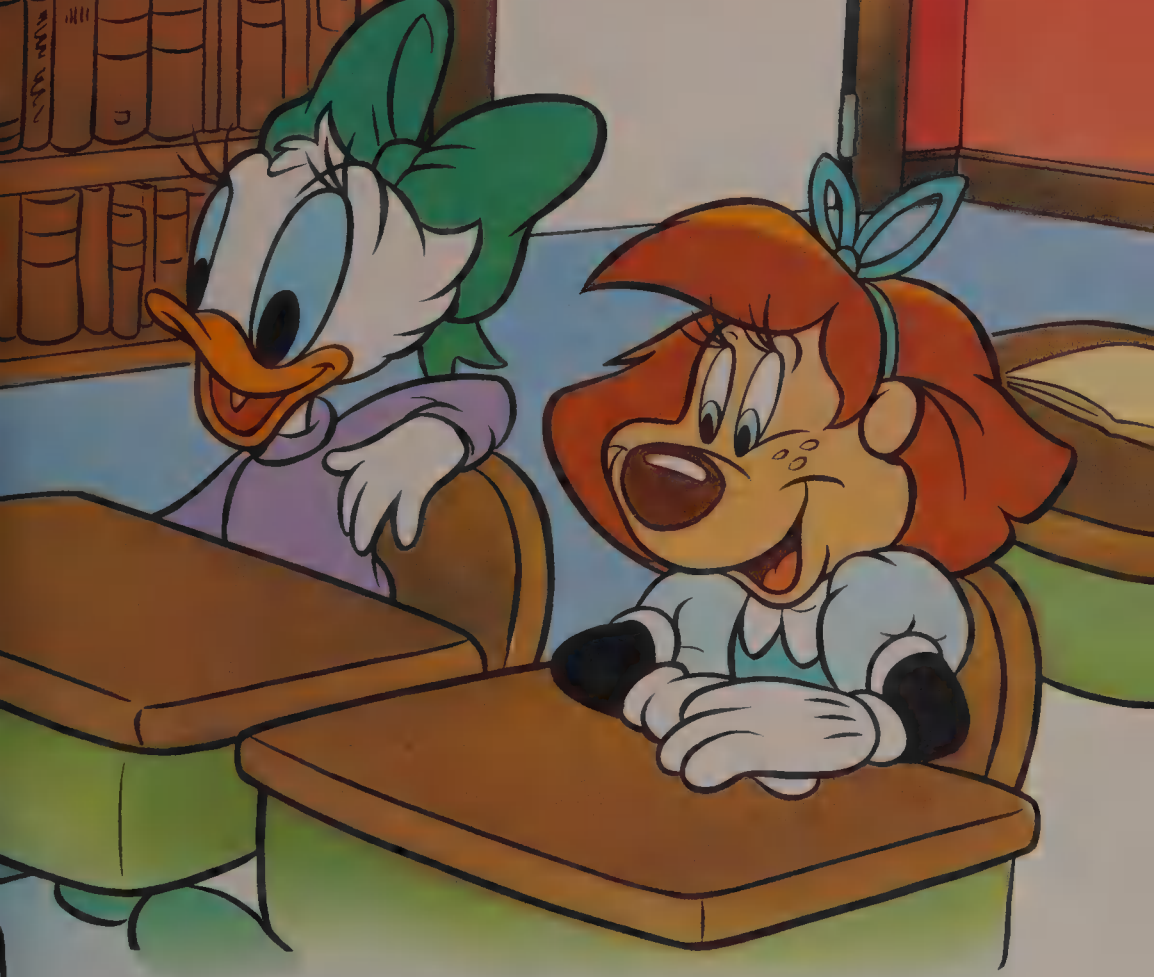




Poor Minnie. At school, during art, she knocked into Penny's easel and spilled green paint everywhere—even on Penny's dress!

"Don't worry," said Penny. "It was an accident."
"Thanks for being such a good friend," said Minnie.





Finally it was time for "Show and Tell." When it was Minnie's turn, she proudly showed the class her necklace.

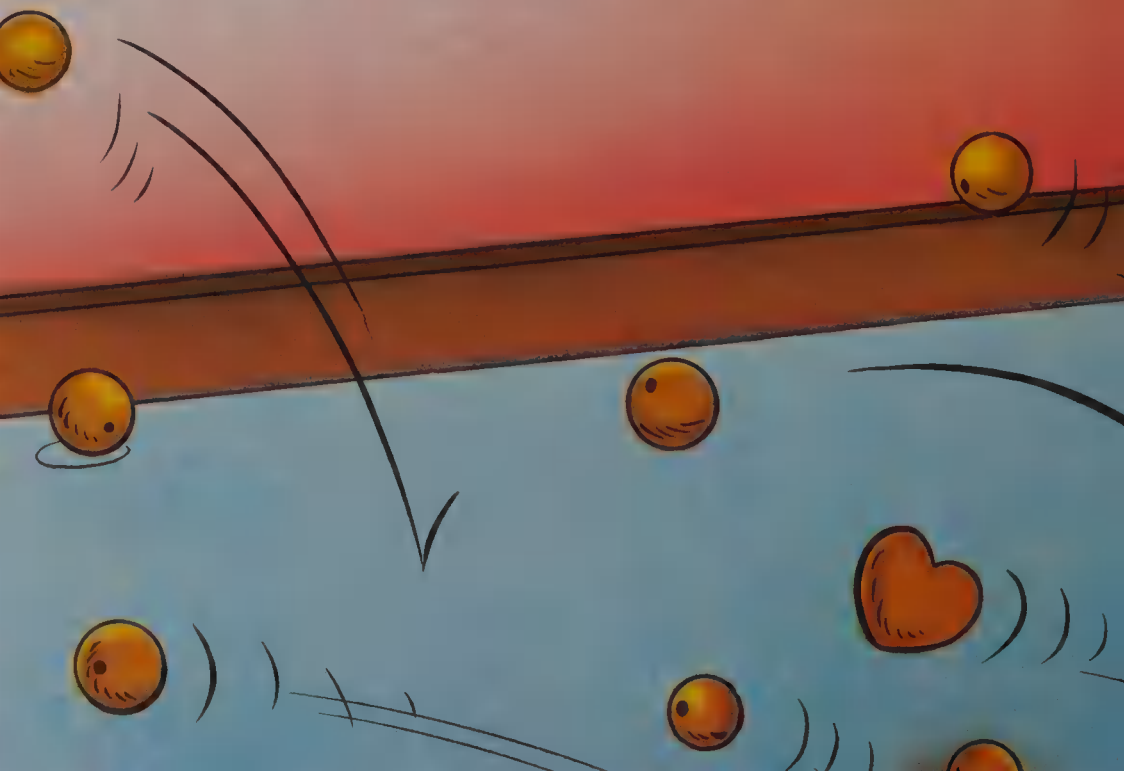
"I bought the beads and string at Claire's Sewing Shop," Minnie said. "I put on two round beads and one heart-shaped bead, two round beads and one heart-shaped bead until it was all done.

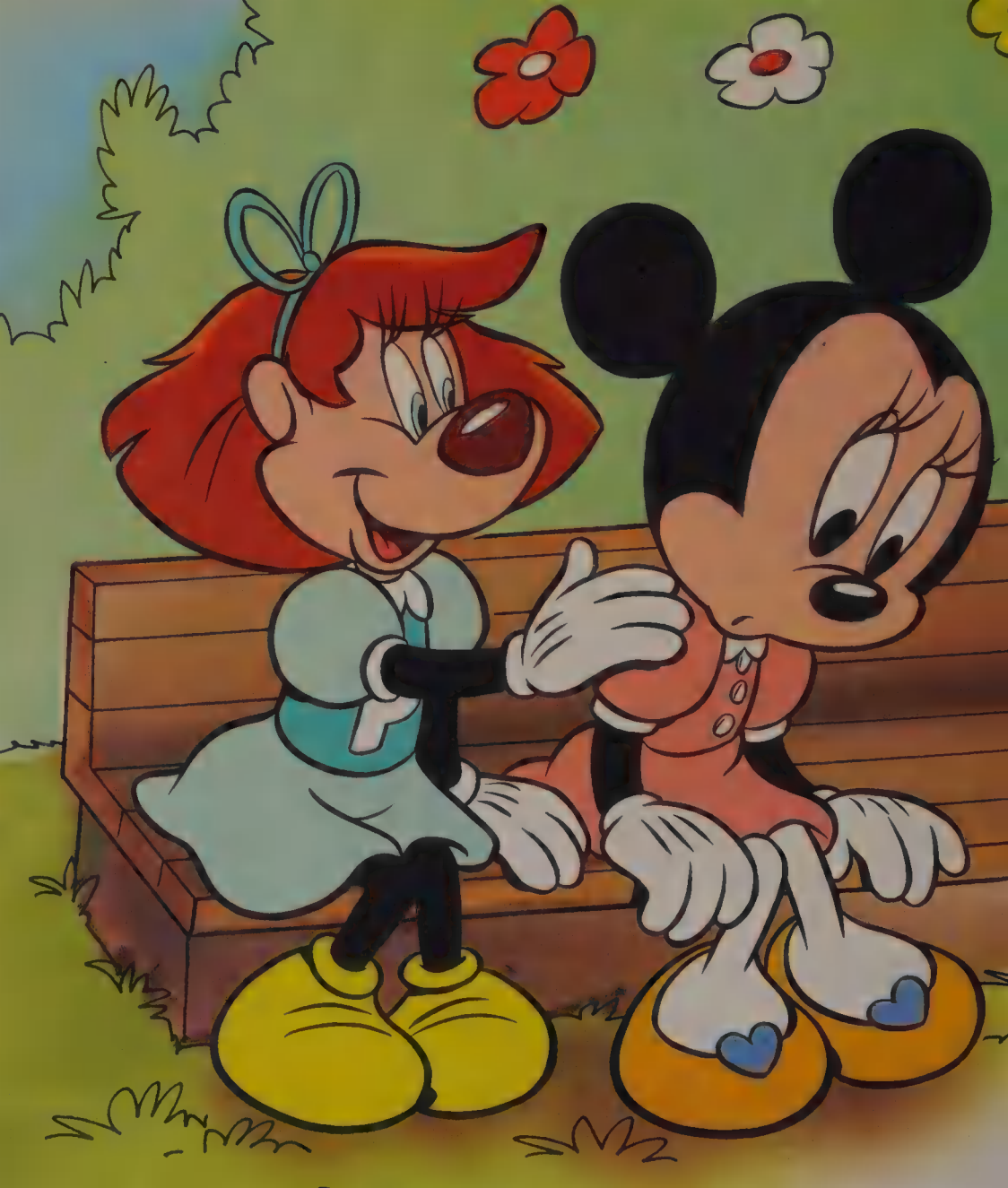
"And here's how I tied the necklace together," said Minnie.

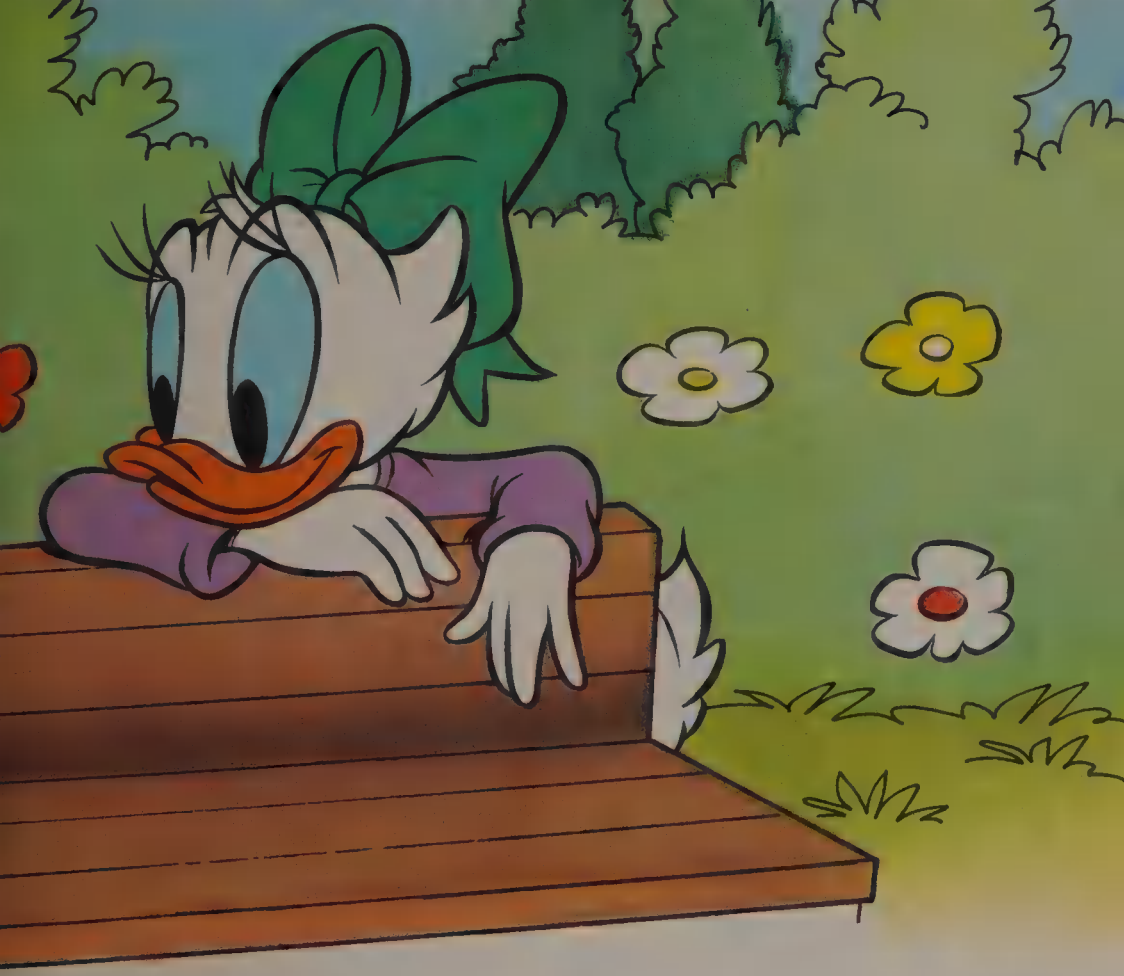
She reached around and pulled at her necklace to show the class. But as soon as she did, she felt a tug on one of the buttons of her dress. It was too late to stop it. . . .

POP! went Minnie's necklace. Her pretty beads flew all over the room.

"Oh, no!" cried Minnie. She tried to pick up all the beads, but some were gone forever.







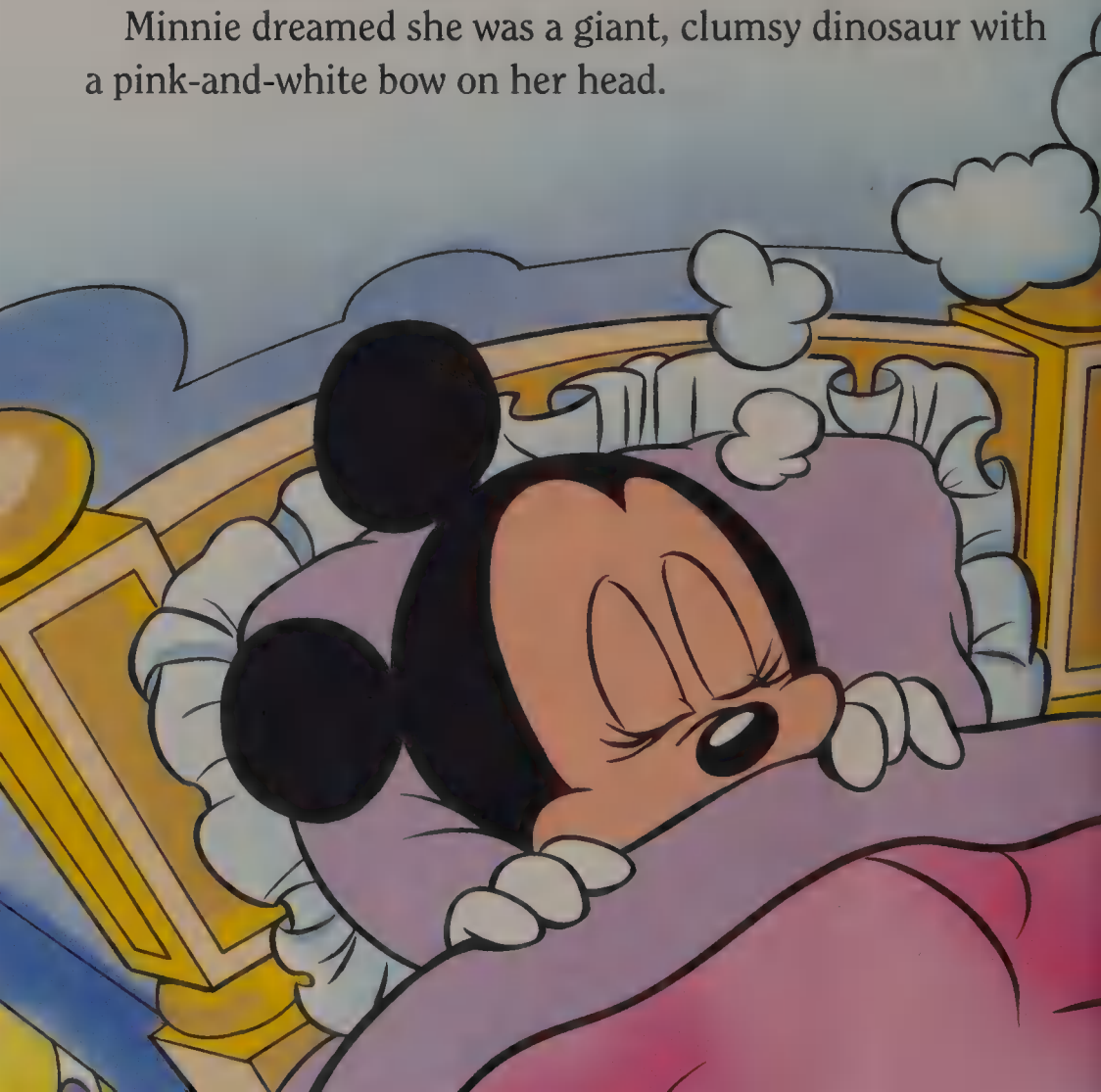
At recess Minnie told Daisy and Penny that she did not want to play. "I don't want my bad luck to rub off on you," Minnie said.

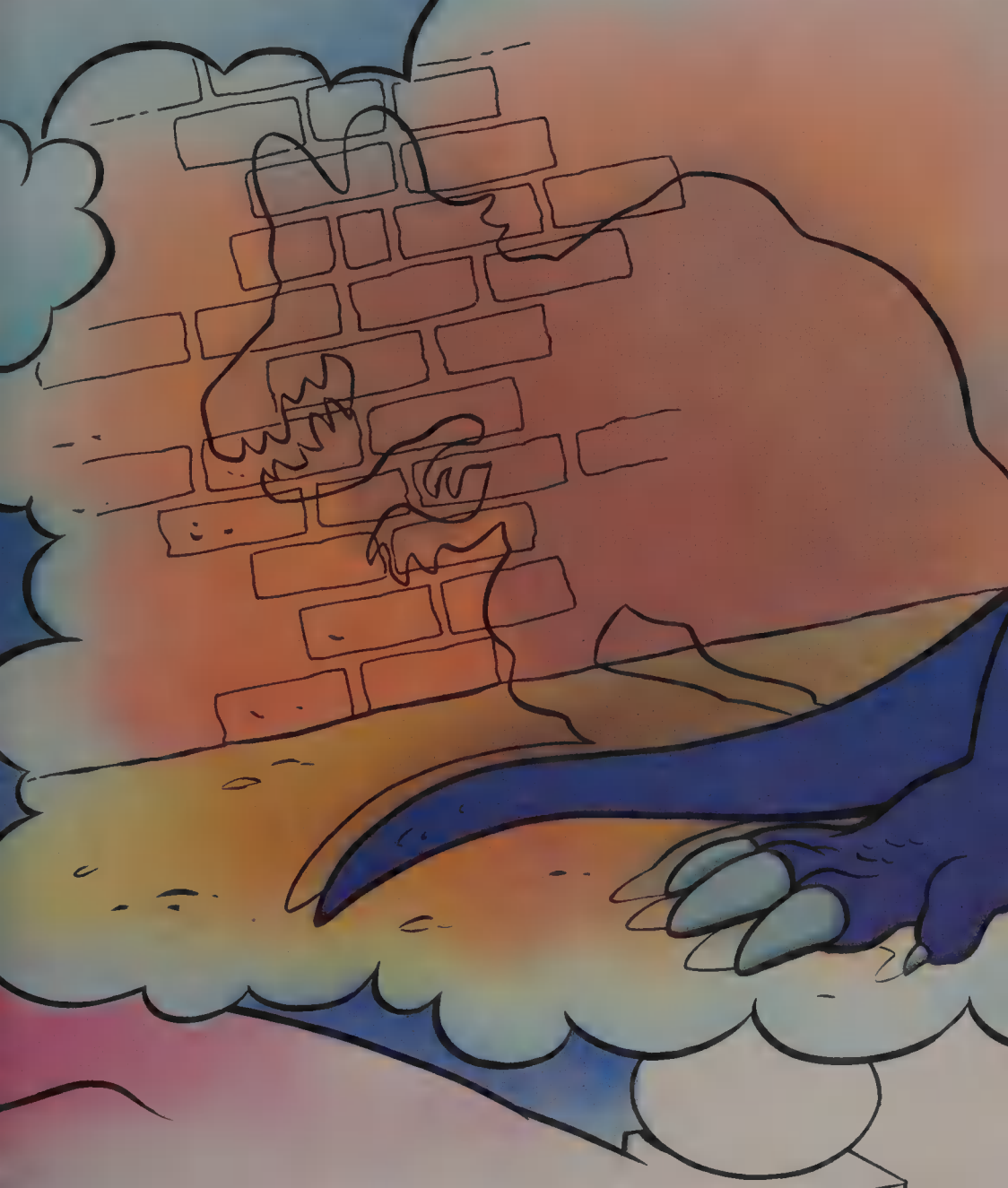
"Don't be silly," said Daisy. "You're our friend."

"Let's just sit and talk," added Penny.

That night Minnie went to her room early. She was so tired from her bad-luck day that she fell asleep quickly—and had a very strange dream.

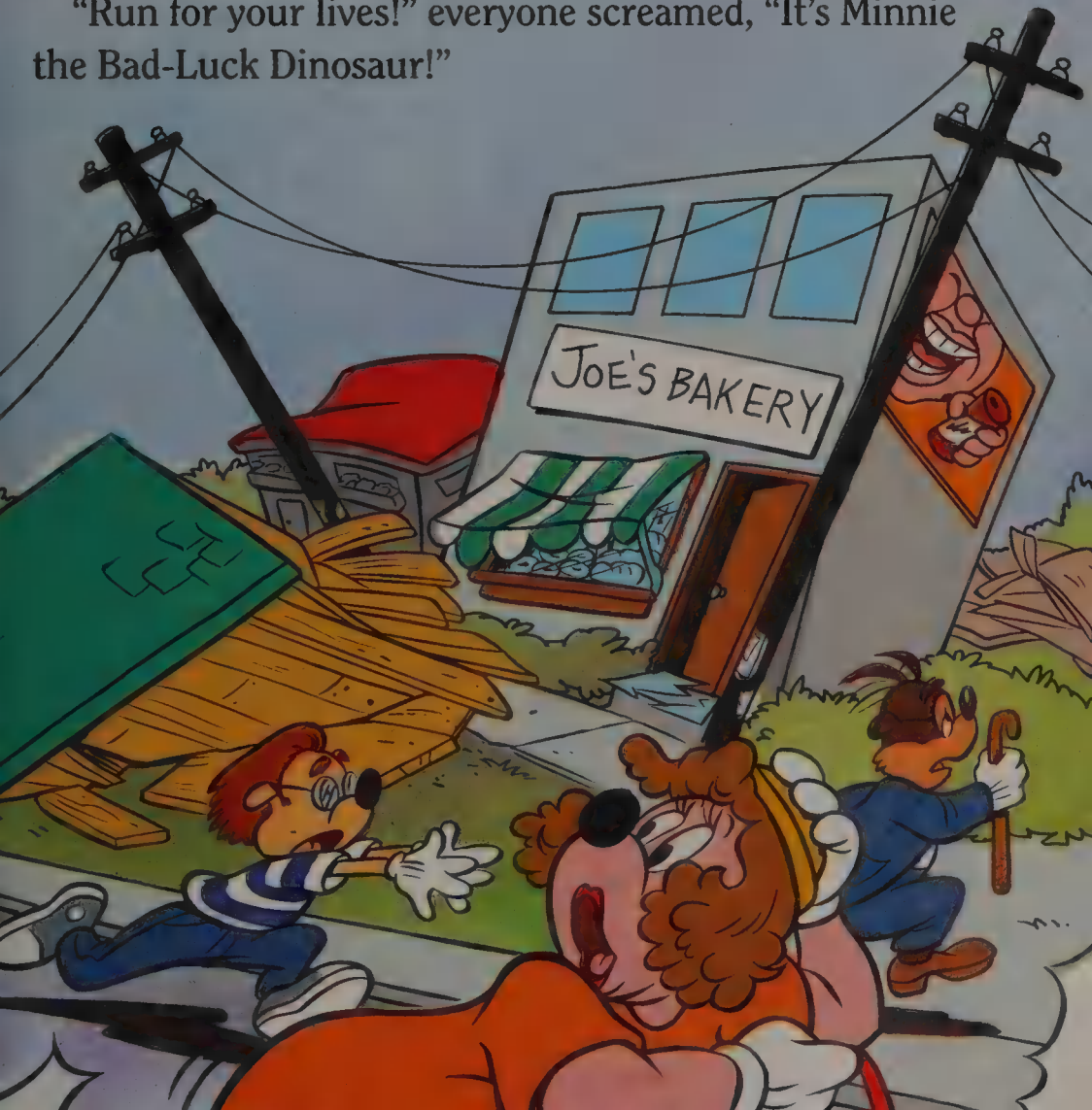
Minnie dreamed she was a giant, clumsy dinosaur with a pink-and-white bow on her head.





Minnie the Dinosaur clumped around town knocking down everything in sight!

"Run for your lives!" everyone screamed, "It's Minnie the Bad-Luck Dinosaur!"

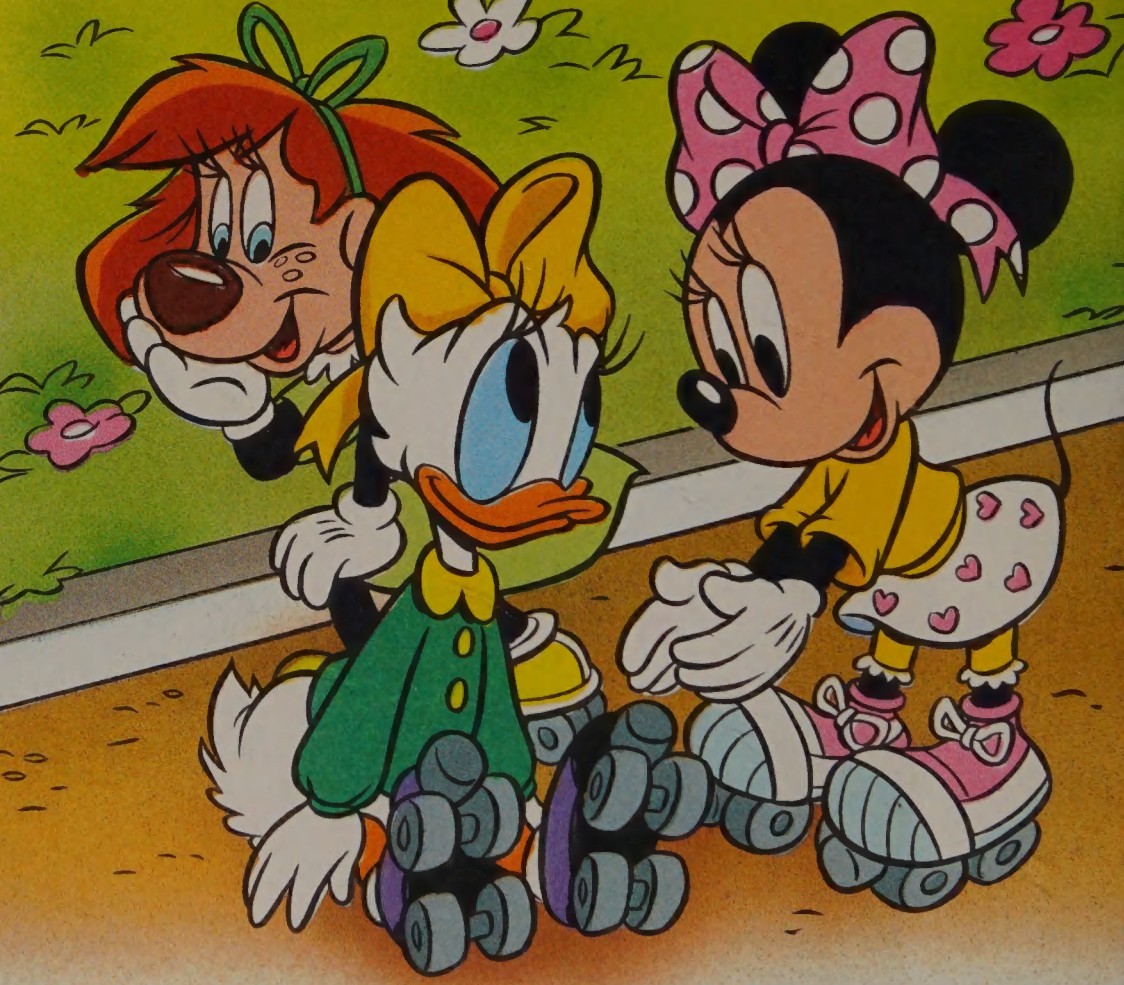


"Wait!" Minnie cried in her dream. "I'm just plain Minnie! I'm not a dinosaur! I'm not a . . ."

Lick, lick. Fifi woke Minnie with a lick on the nose. When Minnie realized that she was safe in her own cozy bed, she felt very relieved.

"I just know this is going to be a *good* day," she said.

Minnie was finishing breakfast when she decided that it would be fun to go skating. So she called Daisy and Penny and asked them to skate with her. They said they'd be right over.



Just as they began to skate, Daisy tripped and fell. "I hope it's not my turn for a bad-luck day," she said.

"If it is, we'll be right here," said Minnie. She and Penny helped Daisy up. Then the three friends skated happily down the street.

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